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HARRIS COUNTY COURT HOUSE
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002
AUTOPSY REPORT

Case 73 - 3347

August 11, 1973

PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS ON THE BODY

OF

David William Hilligiest
402 West 27th Street
Houston, Texas

Asphyxia due to strangulation.

OPINION

It is our opinion that the decedent, David William Hilligiest, came to his death as a result of asphyxia due to strangulation - Homicide.

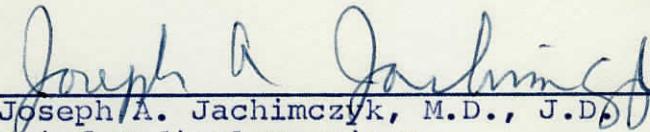
It is our further opinion that the time of death was on or about May 29, 1971.

COMMENT: Initially, the clothing which Mr. Everett Waldrop positively identified as belonging to his sons, Donald Wayne and Jerry Lynn, were submitted with the skeletal remains of Unknowns #9 and #10. The amalgam filling in tooth number 30 matched the description furnished by him for Donald and since the other skeletal criteria also were consistent with the size and age of his two sons, the skeletal remains of Unknowns #9 and #10 were released to him and interred in Georgia.

Subsequently, during the continuing process of identification of other victims, the antemortem X-rays submitted

by Dr. Robert H. Shame were compared to the postmortem radiographs of the jaws of Unknowns #9 and #13. It was then determined that the skeletal remains of Unknown #9 were actually those of David William Hilligiest and Unknown #10 were those of Gregory Malley Winkle, Unknown #13 were those of Donald Wayne Waldrop, and Unknown #14 were those of Jerry Lynn Waldrop.

On September 7, 1973, the appropriate parties were informed of the misidentification. The necessary steps were initiated to exchange the respective skeletal remains. This was accomplished during the week of September 17, 1973.


Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D., J.D.
Chief Medical Examiner

(See Cases 73-3332, 73-3333, 73-3334, 73-3335, 73-3336, 73-3337, 73-3338, 73-3339, 73-3348, 73-3349, 73-3350, 73-3353, 73-3354, 73-3355, 73-3356 and 73-3357)

POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF

David William Hilligiest
402 West 27th Street
Houston, Texas

HISTORY: The skeletal remains were discovered among seventeen bodies at 4500 Silverbell Street, Stall #11, Houston, Texas, between 6:00 p.m. on August 8, 1973, and 8:00 p.m. on August 9, 1973. These skeletal remains were found together with Unknown #10, in the center of Stall #11, at approximately 1:00 p.m. on August 9, 1973.

AUTOPSY: The autopsy was performed by Chief Medical Examiner Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D., assisted by Dr. Paul G. Stimson, beginning at 1:00 p.m. on August 11, 1973, in the Harris County Morgue.

EXTERNAL APPEARANCE: These remains consisted of a skull with dark brown hair with a maxilla attached and a separate mandible and a number of bones and soft tissues. Also present were a pair of white with black striped sneakers in the left sneaker of which there was the word "SANFORIZED". Beneath the word "SANFORIZED" appeared to be the word "PENNEY'S". The sneaker sole measured 11 inches in length. There was an attached portion of pelvis and two femurs, two ulnas, several vertebrae, two scapulae and a number of ribs. There was a blue stretch cotton sock with terrycloth-like finish. The right femur measured 16-1/2 inches in length. The left femur measured 16 inches in length. A portion of cord was wound around the neck area. X-rays did not disclose any bullets in the skeletal remains.

DENTAL EXAMINATION

Utilizing the Universal System, there was an occlusal amalgam in the upper left first molar, tooth 14. There was an anterior open bite, tooth 8 overlapped tooth 9 on the mesial. All third molars were in their crypts. Tooth 24 was crowded to the lingual, tooth 27 was rotated to the mesial-labial, tooth 25 was lapped over tooth 26.

At the request and in the presence of Chief Medical Examiner Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D., on September 9, 1973, I compared the postmortem dental X-rays with the antemortem dental X-rays submitted by Dr. Robert H. Shame and demonstrated this to Mr. and Mrs. Hilligiest. I overlay the antemortem and postmortem jaw radiographs. The outline of the occlusal filling matched exactly on the antemortem and postmortem radiographs. The shape of the teeth, the root structure, the pulpal configurations also matched exactly. This was equivalent to the antemortem and postmortem negatives superimposed. They matched perfectly. Mr. and Mrs. Hilligiest accepted the fact that the remains were those of their son, David.



Paul G. Stimson, D.D.S., M.S.

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PAGE NO. ONE HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT SER. No. D-68916

LOCATION 4500 SILVER BELL

OFFENSE MURDER CHANGED TO

COMPLAINANT DAVID HILLIGIES WM 13 ADDRESS 492 W. 27th PHONE 862-8988

SEX-RACE-AGE WM 13

REPORTED BY ELMER WAYNE HENLEY WM-17 ADDRESS 325 W. 27th PHONE

TYPE PREMISES RENTAL STORAGE GARAGE

TIME OCCURRED

TIME RECEIVED 2:30PM, WED. Aug. 8, 1973 BY DET. D.R. JAMES HOW PHONE

HOW-MEANS		OBJECT		TRD. MK.		DESCR.		CLEARED		DATE	
DISTRIBUTION	LOSS	1 CASH	2 JEWELRY	3 BICYCLES	4 CLOTHING	5 MOTOR VEHICLE	6 MISCELLANEOUS	7 FURS		TOTAL	
RECOVERY-DTL.											

(DETAILS OF OFFENSE-SUSPECTS-PERSONS ARRESTED-PROPERTY)

NOTE: THIS WILL BE A COMPANION CASE TO CASES D-68904, WHICH WILL CONTAIN ALL DETAILS. OTHER COMPANION CASES WILL BE MURDER CASES D-68905 through D-68911 and cases D-68915 through D-68923.

This complainant was found in a grave in a rental storage garage at the above location this date 8-9-73. The complainant's identity is unknown at this time. For details known at this time See case #D-68904.

IDENTIFICATION OF COMPL. 9-10-73

Dr. Jachimezyk called this date and stated the above Compl had been identified as body number 9 which had been recovered in the boat stall.

OFFICERS

D.R. JAMES D-547 L.L. EARLS D-576 N. NEUMAN D-461

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Harris			2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission) a. STATE Texas b. COUNTY Harris		
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Houston			c. LENGTH OF STAY in 1 b.		
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION 4500 Silverbell, Stall #11			c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Houston		
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) 402 West 27th St.		
e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) DAVID			4. DATE OF DEATH Found August 9, 1973		
(a) First WILLIAM			(b) Middle		
(c) Last HILLIGEST			5. SEX Male		
6. COLOR OR RACE White			7. Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>		
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Student			10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Public School		
13. FATHER'S NAME Fred Hilligest			8. DATE OF BIRTH July 30, 1957		
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) No			9. AGE (In years last birthday) 16		
16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. -----			10. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Texas		
18. CAUSE OF DEATH [Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).] PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Asphyxia due to strangulation.			11. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U.S.A.		
Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the under- lying cause last. }			12. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Dorothy C. Allen		
DUE TO (b)			14. INFORMANT Fred Hilligest (by phone)		
DUE TO (c)			15. INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH		
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I(a)			16. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION		
20a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18.) Strangled.		
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour 8 Month 9 Day 73 Year UNK			20d. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home/farm/factory, street, office/building, etc.) 4500 Silverbell, Stall #11		
20e. WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WORK AT WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Houston COUNTY Harris STATE Texas		
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from on 9-9-73 to 9-9-73 . from autopsy findings			19. and last saw the deceased alive on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.		
22a. SIGNATURE Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D.			22b. ADDRESS 209 Courthouse Houston, Texas 22c. DATE SIGNED 9-13-73		
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial			23b. DATE September , 1973		
23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORIUM Forest Park West Cemetery			23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Houston (State) Texas		
24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE PAT H. FOLEY & CO. - #4146			25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO.		
25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR			25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE		